

IN THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figs. 1A, 1B, 1C, 2, 3, 4, 11, 14, 15, 20, 21, 23, and 24. These sheets, which include Figs. 1A, 1B, 1C, 2, 3, 4, 11, 14, 15, 20, 21, 23, and 24, replace the original sheets including Figs. 1A, 1B, 1C, 2, 3, 4, 11, 14, 15, 20, 21, 23, and 24.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets (8)

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-10 and 13-16 are pending in the present application; Claims 11 and 12 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer; Claims 1, 6, 9, 10, 13, and 14 are amended to correct cosmetic matters of form; and Claims 15 and 16 are added by the present amendment. New Claims 15 and 16 present the allowable subject matter of Claims 1 and 6, respectively, in a format which does not involve 35 U.S.C. § 112, sixth paragraph. Thus, no new matter is added.

In the outstanding Office Action, the drawings were objected to for not having “Background Art” labels and for not having reference signs in accordance with the specification; Claims 11 and 12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101; and Claims 1-10, 13, and 14 were indicated as allowed.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter. In light of this indication, the drawings have been amended as suggested to correspond to the specification, the specification has been amended to correspond to Figure 25, and Claims 11 and 12 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, the objection to the drawings and the rejection of Claims 11 and 12 is moot.

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Consequently, in view of the foregoing discussion and present amendment, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. An early and favorable action is therefore respectfully requested.

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